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SUBJECT: Approval of the Nuclear Compton Telescope Balloon Launch Mishap  
Investigation Report

The Nuclear Compton Telescope Balloon Launch Mishap Investigation Board was established on May 12, 2010, in accordance with NPR 8621.1, "NASA Procedural Requirements for Mishap and Close Call Reporting, Investigating, and Recordkeeping." The Investigating Authority was appointed to obtain and analyze evidence and facts; conduct necessary testing; impound property, equipment, and records; identify the causal and contributing factors relating to the mishap; and to recommend appropriate actions to prevent a similar mishap from recurring.

The appropriate NASA officials have conducted all other reviews and endorsements of the investigation report. We will evaluate all endorsement comments and address those appropriately. As a result of the positive endorsements, including my own, the Nuclear Compton Telescope Balloon Launch Mishap Investigation Board report is hereby approved. The MIB has met all assigned requirements regarding this investigation and is released with my personal thanks for a job well done.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Lisa Cutler, at 301-286-7409.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Strain", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Strain

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